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Return EPFO Investment
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the total amount invested by Employees" Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in Exchange Trade Fund (ETF) and the returns therefrom;
(b)whether the EPFO proposes to enhance investments in the markets and if so, the details thereof; and
(c)whether the EPFO proposes to invest in other avenues as well and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): As on 30 June 2016, the total amount invested by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in Exchange Trade Funds (ETFs) is Rs. 7468 crore and the absolute return on the investment so far is 7.45 per cent.

(b) & (c): As per the pattern of Investment dated 23rd April, 2015 notified by Ministry of Labour & Employment, investment in equity and related investments is permitted from 5 to 15 per cent. However, the Central Board of Trustees (CBT), Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) has approved investment of only 5 per cent in ETFs. At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to enhance this limit.
Regarding investment in other avenues, investment is to be made by EPFO as per the pattern of Investment dated 23rd April, 2015 notified by Ministry of Labour & Employment.

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